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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6854**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1145

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 25, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Sentencing Policy Study Committee.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Crawford

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Clark

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed - House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill establishes a two-year Sentencing Policy Study Committee to evaluate sentencing laws and policies as they relate to: (1) the purposes of the criminal justice and corrections systems; (2) the availability of sentencing options; and (3) the inmate population in Department of Correction facilities.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill creates a 15-member Sentencing Policy Study Committee consisting of 4 legislators and 11 lay members with staff support provided by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. The Committee will provide a final report by November 1, 2004. The members of the Committee receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who serve on interim study committees, and all funds necessary to carry out the bill are paid from appropriations to the Legislative Council and Legislative Services Agency. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees ranging from \$6,000 to \$9,000 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members. The Legislative Council and Legislative Services Agency are funded with state General Fund dollars.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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